Problems of Indian workers abroad

3242. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that usually passports and relevant documents of Indian wrokers abroad are taken away by foreign companies causing immense hardships to the Indian workers;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to eliminate such practice; and

(c) whether Govarnment propose to direct the Indian Missions abroad to receive such Indian workers on landing in the country of their employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some complaints were received.

(b) Through publicity campaign, workers are advised not to part with their Passports and employment documents and to contact Indian Missions in case of my difficulty.

(c) No, Sir.

Complaints from Indian workers abroad about denial of Access to Indian missions

3243. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from Indian workers abroad to the effect that they are denied access to Indian missions abroad; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to eliminate such harrassment to the Indian workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Only one case has come to our notice.

(b) Through publicity campaign, Indian workers are advised to contact Indian Missions in case of any difficulty.

Installation of Anti-pullution Plants in Industrial Units

3244. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to install anti-pollution plants in industrial units;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any orders in this regard,

(c) the time by which installation of these plants is likely to be started; and

(d) whether installation of these plants will also be made compulsory for the private industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI). (a) to (d) The industries are required to install pollution control plants in their respective industries so that the discharge and emissions conform to the standards laid down. Central and State Pollution Control Boards have directed the industrial units, on a case to case basis, to provide treatment facilities within a specific time for compliance with the prescribed standards.

Rehabilitation of bonded labour in M. P.

3245. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what amount was given to Madhya Pradesh during the last three years for the rehabilitation of bonded labour, year-wise;

(b) what amount was actually spent during the above period and how many persons were rehabilitated; and

(c) what is the target for the Seventh Plan period to rehabilitate the bonded labour in Madhya Pradesh and what amount has been earmarked for the same?